AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-28. (canceled).

29.   (currently amended): A system for storing and playing music, comprising:

a server apparatus comprising

a storage section which stores data of pieces of music that a user possesses, and is adapted to store a number of plays of each of said pieces of music,

a reproducing section which plays back said data of pieces of music,

a transfer section that transfers the data; and

a portable terminal adapted to play back pieces of music while disconnected from the server apparatus, the portable terminal capable of being carried for playing back said data of pieces of music by a user, comprising

an interface that receives the data transferred from the transfer section,

a terminal-side storage section that stores data received through the interface, and

an updating section that updates a number of plays of each piece of music that is played back, each time said playing back is completed at the portable terminal, and that stores the updated number of plays of each of said pieces of music in the terminal-side storage section;

wherein, if the portable terminal is connected to the server apparatus through the

interface, the updated number of plays of each of said pieces of music stored in the terminal-side

storage section <u>without the data of pieces of music</u> are sent to the server apparatus, and the server

apparatus updates the number of plays of each of said pieces of music stored in the storage

section in accordance with the updated number of plays of each of said pieces of music stored in

the terminal-side storage section.

30.   (currently amended): An information processing method by using a server

apparatus having a storage section capable of storing a number of plays of pieces of music that a

user possesses so as to update a number of plays of pieces of music stored in the server apparatus

in accordance with a number of plays of pieces of music stored in the portable terminal, the

method comprising:

transferring data of said pieces of music that a user possesses from the server apparatus to

the portable terminal;

playing back the data in a reproducing section of the portable terminal when the portable

terminal is not connected to the server apparatus, the portable terminal capable of being carried

for playing back said data of pieces of music by a user;

updating a number of plays of each piece of music stored in the portable terminal that is

played back, each time said playing back is completed at the portable terminal;

storing in the terminal-side storage section the updated number of plays of pieces of

music;

sending the number of plays of pieces of music stored in the terminal-side storage section

without the data of pieces of music to the server apparatus when the portable terminal is

connected to the server apparatus; and

updating a number of plays of pieces of music stored in the server apparatus in

accordance with the number of plays of pieces of music sent from the terminal-side storage

section.

31.   (currently amended): A portable terminal for holding data of pieces of music

transferred from a server apparatus having a storage section storing the data of pieces of music

that a user possesses, said portable terminal comprising:

an interface that connects to the server apparatus and that receives the data transferred

from the server apparatus;

a terminal-side storage section that stores the data transferred from the server apparatus

when the portable terminal is connected to the server apparatus through the interface;

a reproducing section that plays back the data while the portable terminal is not

connected to the server apparatus, the portable terminal being capable of being carried for

playing back said data of pieces of music by a user; and

an updating section that updates a number of plays of each piece of music that is played

back, each time said playing back is completed at the portable terminal, and that stores the

updated number of plays of each of said pieces of music in the terminal-side storage section;

wherein, if the portable terminal is connected to the server apparatus through the

interface, the updated number of plays of each of said pieces of music stored in the terminal-side

storage section without the data of pieces of music are sent to the server apparatus.